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In the following Appendices "A", "B", and "C" are summaries of cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land, and case rates by Regiernugsbezirk and Land for the week ended 29 June 1946.

Communicable Diseases:

For the third Week in June there were no cases of typhus fever reported in the Zone. The most significant increase for the Zone as a whole was in the incidence of tuberculosis which was evident in all three Laender, particularly in Greater Hesse, but with a slight decline in U. S. Sector of Berlin and Bremen. Greater Hesse reports that the sudden rise of reported cases of tuberculosis in the Land is due to the fact that many Wehrmacht patients, formerly under American (POW) care have now returned to German civilian care. Whooping cough showed an increased incidence over the previous week with a increase in both Land Greater Hesse and Land Wuerttemberg-Baden. Scabies also increased in incidence in all Laender, particularly Wuerttemberg-Baden. Since the reporting of 34 cases of malaria during the week ended 8 June the incidence has steadily declined with only 18 cases reported for the current week. Dysentery also continues to decrease. The incidence of scarlet fever has increased in all Laender and U. S. Sector Berlin over that of the previous week.

Medical Supplies:

11,300,000 units of insulin from Military Government stocks have been turned over to the Bavarian Health authorities for storage and release as needed. Heretofore the supply has been approximately 2,500, 000 units, including 1,600,000—1,900,000 units per month from the Hoechst plant and 600,000 units from local production. This supply has been sufficient to meet only about one fourth of the actual requirements and there is little possibility that the Bavarian insulin production can be increased much beyond the present level. The additional supply of insulin from Military Government stocks, as long as it is available, is adequate to practically eliminate the diabetic problem in the Land. There is also a critical shortage of soap in Land Bavaria. Scabies has continued to increase even during the months of warm weather and no further increase in local production of soap is possible for several months.

Hospitalization:

Sanatorium Charlottenhoehe, near Calw, in French Wuerttemberg now provides hospitalization for 110 tubercular patients from the US section of Wuerttemberg-Baden and in the near future will provide for 70 additional patients from the American Zone. By arrangements with the French, the entire facilities of the institution have been reserved for American tubercular patients and in return the US section of Land Wuerttemberg-Baden provides a daily food supply of 2700 calories per person. Land Wuerttemberg-Baden also reports Schloss Waldeiningen, in the Odenwald, in the process of being converted into a tuberculosis hospital, is almost ready for occupancy and will accomodate appromximately 250 patients. Also Sanatorium Diederich, at Hettigenbeuren, Kreis Buchen, is being surveyed for possible use as a tuberculosis sanitarium. These small local sanitoria are being established as an emergency and as a top-gap measure providing hospitalization for open cases of tuberculosis until such time as larger and more centralized hospitals can be provided.

APPENDIX "A"

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 29 June 1946

Regierungs- bezirk	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE c: Cases d: Deaths																										
			Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	
TOTAL US Zone	£ 15,570,584	c p	1	—	—	—	—	—	621 18	165 1	773 188	119 19	608 1	4 1	4 2	2486 —	767 4	61 5	28 4	36 2	2 1	2 —	5 —	3501 —	—	1 —	18 —	9 —	111 —
Mainfranken	927,206	c p	—	—	—	—	—	—	30 2	—	56 10	8 1	33 —	—	—	33 —	17 —	5 —	2 —	—	—	—	—	167 —	—	—	—	—	1 —
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,140,055	c p	—	—	—	—	—	—	64 2	19 —	78 22	9 2	33 1	—	—	342 —	99 2	6 —	4 —	4 —	—	—	—	585 —	—	1 —	4 —	—	1 —
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,966,526	c p	—	—	—	—	—	—	39 1	12 —	77 14	5 —	35 —	—	—	256 —	55 —	14 —	2 —	—	—	1 —	—	623 —	—	—	1 —	—	11 —
Schwaben	1,018,162	c p	—	—	—	—	—	—	25 —	10 —	34 11	2 —	103 —	—	—	133 —	37 2	4 —	1 —	—	—	—	—	214 —	—	—	—	—	21 —
Oberbayern	2,094,785	c p	—	—	—	—	—	—	64 1	24 1	55 21	5 1	142 —	—	1 —	305 —	88 —	1 —	4 —	3 —	—	—	—	304 —	—	—	4 —	—	52 —
Kassel	1,042,724	c p	—	—	—	—	—	—	54 1	8 —	47 3	12 4	22 —	1 —	—	181 —	68 —	9 —	4 —	2 —	—	—	—	146 —	—	—	—	—	6 —
Wiesbaden	1,322,421	c p	—	—	—	—	—	—	60 2	14 —	145 8	12 2	33 —	1 —	—	355 —	102 —	3 —	6 —	—	—	—	—	38 —	—	—	—	1 —	2 —
Hessen	1,080,779	c p	—	—	—	—	—	—	63 1	12 —	58 9	3 —	41 —	—	—	103 —	33 —	1 —	3 —	2 —	1 —	—	5 —	406 —	—	—	—	8 —	13 —
Baden	1,135,775	c p	—	—	—	—	—	—	79 2	11 —	80 21	33 2	66 —	—	2 —	246 —	72 —	1 —	—	4 —	—	—	—	889 —	—	3 —	—	—	—
Württemberg	1,908,151	c p	—	—	—	—	—	—	78 3	17 —	77 20	22 5	100 —	1 —	1 —	238 —	79 —	7 —	—	3 —	1 —	1 —	—	129 —	—	—	—	—	4 —
Bremen Port Command	£	c p	—	—	—	—	—	—	28 —	3 —	18 —	8 —	—	—	—	154 —	42 —	2 —	8 —	—	—	—	—	247 —	—	—	—	12 —	—
Berlin (US Sector)	934,000	c p	—	—	—	—	—	—	65 3	35 —	66 49	8 2	—	1 —	—	294 —	117 —	10 —	3 —	17 —	—	—	—	—	—	—	6 —	—	—

APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 29 June 1946

Land	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																							c: Cases	d: Deaths		
			Typhus borne louse fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic			Malaria	Influenza
Bavaria	8,146,734	P 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	222	68	300	29	346	—	1	1069	296	30	12	8	—	1	—	1893	—	1	9	—	86
Greater Hesse	3,445,924	P 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	177	34	250	27	96	2	—	639	203	13	13	4	1	—	5	590	—	—	—	9	21
Württemberg Baden	3,043,926	P 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	157	28	157	55	166	1	3	484	151	8	—	7	1	1	—	1018	—	3	—	4	
Bremen Port Command	473,000	P 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	3	18	8	—	—	—	154	42	2	8	—	—	—	—	247	—	—	—	12	—
Berlin (US Sector)	934,000	P 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	65	35	66	8	—	1	—	294	117	10	3	17	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—

Case Rate Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

		Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery	Bact. Food	Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Bavaria	8,146,734	—	—	—	—	—	—	14.21	4.35	19.20	1.86	22.14	—	.06	68.42	18.94	1.92	.77	.51	—	.06	—	121.15	—	.06	.58	—	5.50
Greater Hesse	3,445,924	—	—	—	—	—	—	26.73	5.13	37.75	4.08	14.50	.30	—	96.49	30.65	1.96	1.96	.60	.15	—	.75	89.09	—	—	—	1.36	3.17
Württemberg-Baden	3,043,926	—	—	—	—	—	—	26.85	4.79	26.85	9.40	28.39	.17	.51	82.76	25.82	1.37	—	1.20	.17	.17	—	174.08	—	—	.51	—	.68
Bremen Port Command	473,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.77	3.30	19.78	8.79	—	—	—	169.25	46.16	2.20	8.79	—	—	—	—	271.45	—	—	—	13.19	—
Berlin (US Sector)	934,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	35.20	19.49	36.76	4.46	—	.56	—	163.76	65.17	5.57	1.67	9.47	—	—	—	—	—	3.34	—	—	—

APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 29 June 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Total US Zone	15,570,584 £	—	—	—	—	—	—	20.49	5.44	25.51	3.93	20.06	.13	.13	82.04	25.31	2.01	.92	1.19	.07	.16	115.53	—	.03	.59	.30	3.66
Mainfranken	927,206	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.83	1.68	31.42	4.49	18.51	—	—	18.51	9.54	2.80	1.12	—	—	—	93.69	—	—	—	—	.56
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,140,055	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.55	4.62	18.95	2.19	8.02	—	—	83.11	24.06	1.46	.97	.97	—	—	142.15	—	.24	.97	—	.24
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,966,526	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.30	3.17	20.33	1.32	9.24	—	—	67.58	14.52	3.70	.53	—	.26	—	164.47	—	—	.26	—	2.90
Schwaben	1,018,162	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.77	5.11	17.37	1.02	52.63	—	—	67.96	18.91	2.04	—	.51	—	—	109.35	—	—	—	—	10.73
Oberbayern	2,094,785	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.87	5.95	13.64	1.24	35.22	—	.25	75.64	21.82	.25	.99	.74	—	—	75.39	—	—	.99	—	12.90
Kassel	1,042,724	—	—	—	—	—	—	26.95	3.99	23.45	5.99	10.98	.50	—	90.32	33.93	4.49	2.00	1.00	—	—	72.85	—	—	—	—	2.99
Wiesbaden	1,322,421	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.58	5.50	56.98	4.72	12.97	.39	—	139.51	40.09	1.18	2.36	—	—	—	14.93	—	—	—	39	.79
Hessen	1,080,779	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.30	5.77	27.90	1.44	19.72	—	—	49.54	15.87	.48	1.44	.96	.48	2.40	195.29	—	—	—	3.85	6.25
Baden	1,135,775	—	—	—	—	—	—	36.18	5.04	36.64	15.11	30.23	—	.92	112.67	32.98	.46	—	1.83	—	—	40.716	—	1.37	—	—	—
Württemberg	1,908,151	—	—	—	—	—	—	21.29	4.64	21.02	6.01	27.30	.27	.27	64.97	21.57	1.91	—	.82	.27	27	35.22	—	—	—	—	1.09
Bremen Port Command	£	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.77	3.30	19.78	8.79	—	—	—	163.25	46.16	2.20	8.79	—	—	—	271.45	—	—	—	13.19	—
Berlin (US Sector)	934,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	36.20	19.49	36.76	4.46	—	.56	—	163.76	65.17	5.57	1.67	9.47	—	—	—	—	—	3.34	—	—

£ Bremen included in report from British Zone — not included in the totals on this report.
(Rates Expressed as per population 10,000 per Annum).

